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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Original claims 1-24 were replaced during Chapter II proceedings in a letter dated 9 June 1999 with claims 1-26. [Please cancel original claims 1-24, amend amended claims 4, 5-7, 9, 17-20, 22 and 26, cancel amended claim 1 and add new claim 27 as follows:]

Cancel amended claim 1.